

REMARKS

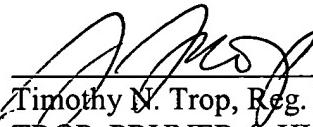
In the response to arguments, the Examiner indicates that he agrees that Girard shows scrolling backwards in time, but "fails to see why this precludes the art from meeting the claimed limitation of 'icons associated with at least two time periods in the past to enable the user to select a past time period for said electronic programming guide'."

The answer is that Girard does not enable selection of time periods. At most, according to the Examiner, he allows the selection of programs. But there is no ability to select from between at least two past time periods. For example in Figure 3A in the present invention, one can select from among a week, a day, a month, or a year. In contrast, in Girard, according to the Examiner, all the Applicant can do is click on a program. Thus, neither Girard nor Schein teach the ability to select a past time period. Therefore, the combination of the two references fails to render the claimed invention obvious.

In view of these remarks, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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